

**STATE LICENSING BOARD FOR
RESIDENTIAL AND GENERAL CONTRACTORS
Residential Contractor Division
April 19, 2011 Conference Call**

The Residential Division of the State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors met via conference call on Tuesday, April 19, 2011, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

The following Board members were present:

Mark Herbert, Division Chair
Bob Barnard
Steve Cash
Andy Cooper
Keely Fennell
Allen Richardson
Ed Strain

Others Present:

Tanja Battle, Executive Director
Scarlett Shell, Assistant Attorney General
JoAnne Sims, Board Support Specialist

Guests:

George Beaver
Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of Georgia
Jon Preble, Southeastern Building Trades Associates, Inc

At 9:03 a.m., Division Chair Herbert established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to vote on a rule amendment regarding continuing education hours for the 2012 renewal period and all renewals thereafter.

Public Hearing

• **Rule 553-12-.02 Continuing Education-Residential. Amended**

Public comments were invited. The following guests made statements:

Ms. Bettie Sleeth, representing the Home Builders Association of Georgia (HBAG) communicated their strong support of this rule. Concern was expressed regarding the timing of the changes, and the confusion that may occur.

Mr. Jon Preble, representing Southeastern Building Trades Associates, Inc., advised that his organization had received comments from online course providers that there may not be sufficient time to establish an online course for people wishing to obtain continuing education credits online.

Mr. George Beaver, from Camden County, stated he holds multiple licenses that require continuing education. He outlined the difficulties he has encountered due to his remote location, in identifying and attending accessible classes. Mr. Beaver encouraged the Board to allow online continuing education courses, as he felt it would benefit a great number of people.

The public hearing concluded at 9:09 a.m.

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Allen Richardson, and the Residential Division members voted unanimously to adopt Rule 553-12-.02 Continuing Education-Residential. Amended.

Discussion resumed regarding online courses and the Division discussed revisiting the issue at a later date.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

JoAnne R. Sims, Board Support Specialist

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Tanja D. Battle, Executive Director